THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The number of companies and number of packs being arge, the time and labour involved in the collection and compilation of this voluminous information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(c) to (e) Manufacturers of decontrolled formulations are free to revise their prices themselves. Instances warranting intervention come to the notice of the Government not only from the information submitted by the companies in various forms prescribed in DPCO, 1987, but also from the data available from other sources. However, as already mentioned in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1147 answered on the 7th May, 1992, the overall compliance by the companies in regard to furnishing of information in Form 2A has not been very satisfactory. However, efforts are on to improve the compliance.

Prices of bulk drugs

3092. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1945 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th May, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DPCO 1987 provides for fixation of prices of bulk drugs on the basis of weighted average of the cost based prices of major producers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in violation of this provision, prices were recommended by BICP and also accepted by Government;

(c) if so, what are the names of those drugs;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have fixed the prices of bulk drugs on the basis of 2/3rd cut off level to benefit of the producers:

(e) if so, names of such drugs, names of producers of each and price fixed for each; and

(f) whether it is a fact that this principle was rejected under DPCO, 1979?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir. However, under DPCO 1987 weighted average price for a bulk drug for the purpose of determining prices of formulations can be fixed where Government fixes more than one price for a bulk drug.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f) The maximum sale price of a price controlled bulk drug is fixed by the Government in accordance with DPCO 1987, after making necessary enquiries in the matter and taking into account the production capability and efficiency of the major manufacturing units. This is done in order to maintain uninterrupted supplies of a bulk drug so that shortages may not occur and availability of formulations, at reaosnable prices which is the ultimate interest of the consumer is ensured.

Revision of prices of formulations

3093. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 139 given in Rajya Sabha on 9th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of formulations based on the imported bulk drugs which are under price control are revised on a *suo-motto* basis or as and when the manufacturers apply for the same;

(b) if so, when the prices of formulations based thereon of each were revised:

(c) what was the price fixed for each pack and strength based on each bulk drug;

(d) whether it is a fact that their current CIF prices are lower but formulation prices have been left undisturbed; and

(e) what were the quantity and CIF imported price of these price controlled bulk drugs during the last three years including upto June, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (d) As a general practice, pricing of formulations based on imported bulk drugs is done as and when manufacturers apply for the same. Exceptions are made when the prices of imported bulk drugs, brought under price control, are found to be lower than those prevailing in the decontrolled regime. Exceptions are also made when the duty structure of the imported bulk drugs, which are under price control, undergoes a downward revision. In such specific situations pricing of formulations is done on *suo moto* basis to benefit the consumers.

(b) and (c) The price fixation of formulations is an ongoing exercise. The number of formulations under price control based on imported bulk drugs are large. Time and labour involved in collecting the requisite details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(e) The requisite details for the year 1991-92 are not available. However, import data for 1989-90 and 1990-91, to the extent available, is given in the annexed statement.

Statement

Name of Product	Unit	TOTAL		Unit	TOTAL	
		Qty. during 1990-91	Value c.i.f. (Rs.)		Qty. during 1989-90	Value c.i.f. (Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Amitriptyline HCL	Kg.	4085	5921979	Kg.	4275	4568653
Atropine Sulpahte	Kg.	..	..	Kg.	4.00	28675
Bacitracin Zinc	Mu.	73925	8319823	Mu.	71500	6474244
Carbamazepine	Kg.	34248	49173486	Kg.	28400	40935665
Carbenicillin Sodium	Kg.	200.29	944771	Kg.	151.76	547662
Chlorpromazine HCL	Kg.	9402	5751476	Kg.	14296	8092195
Cimetidine	Kg.	10120	8681306	Kg.	14502.50	9994738
Dipyridamol	Kg.	10141	13603695	Kg.	7775.00	10936014
Ergot of RYE	Kg.	2000	130783	Kg.	2981.60	226160
Fluocinolone Acetomide	Kg.	46.1	4990999	Kg.	37.90	3359414
Griseofulvin	Kg.	34265	28093946	Kg.	21192.50	21189453
Homotropine Methyl Bromide				Kg.	44.58	305897
Hyoscine-N-Butyl Bromide	Kg.	541	7963704	Kg.	276.00	3533880

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Isoptin HCL (Verapamil HCL)	Kg.	5100	16478640	Kg.	5200.00	18604680
Neomycin Sulphate . . .	Kg.	1077.54	833375	Kg.	8974.84	11903581
Oxethazine	Kg.	2985	19858807	Kg.	2415.00	8268794
Panthenol D	Kg.	11505	3113770	Kg.	16650.00	4658685
Pantothenate Na & Ca . .	Kg.	67560	15802457	Kg.	72400.00	16542872
Pentazocine BASF/HCL . .	Kg.	245	4663009	Kg.	1452.50	26349614
Polymixin	Mv.	15000	121296	Mu.	1268780	8143187
Primaquin Phosphate . .	Kg.	360	1309562	Kg.	650.00	1326681
Pyrimethamine	Kg.	1900	792020	Kg.	2175.00	897829
Salazosulfa Pyridine . . .	Kg.	3750	5275744	Kg.	5000.00	6471658
Sulphadoxine	Kg.	37177	28677230	Kg.	18893.50	21373276
Triamcinolone & its Salts	Kg.	832.40	8699622	Kg.	345.20	9836884
Triamterene]				Kg.	4040.00	1896917
Trimepramine Maleate . .	Kg.	450	2659087	Kg.	865.00	5900603

Prices of Betamethasone and its sats

3094. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 142 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th July, 1992 and state:

(a) what were the prices of Betamethasone and its salts before 2nd January, 1989 and what were the prices as notified on 2nd January, 1989;

(b) what were the prices as recommended by BICP after 1984 from time to time for Betamethasone and its salts;

(c) whether it is a fact that BICP recommended lower prices as compared to Murthy Committee;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government propose to review the findings of the Murthy Committee; and

(f) if so, when and what action was taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The prices of Betamethasone and its salts before 2.1.1989 and the prices notified on 2.1.1989 are given hereunder:—

Name of the Bulk Drug	Price before 2.1.1989	Price notified on 2.1.1989
Betamethasone Alcohol	127.70	144.19
Betamethasone Valerate	122.00	136.58
Betamethasone Di-Sodium Phosphate	135.00	144.58